

HPOG Success Story – HOPE

Courtney Shiver: When people hear boot camp, they think about running, they think about the exercising, the army. Um, but that's not what we're about.

Wanda Bailey: The initial thought is, "Are we going to the military?" And we're like "no, no, no, you're not going to the military."

Text on screen: HPOG grantee Project HOPE participants enroll in an in-residence, college readiness boot camp training program.

Patricia Best: You don't have to do any of those things. You learn about the skills you're going to need for college, and hopefully for your future career.

Wanda: Boot camp is vitally important. It sets us apart from other grantees.

Wanda: Project HOPE is an opportunity that we can change lives in many, many ways.

Text on Screen: Florence, South Carolina

Patricia: I did not even plan on going to college. I eventually wanted to go, but I didn't have any of the resources to do so. I knew that I either wanted to be an English Teacher, or I wanted to be a nurse. And turned out, I got the scholarship through Project HOPE for healthcare courses. And, that kind of made up my mind.

Text on screen: **Patricia Best**, Patient Care Technician, Bootcamp Graduate

Courtney: People in Project HOPE, are those the kinds of people who want a career for themselves, who wants to create their own sustainable life.

Courtney: When I go out into the community, I like to find places where I can recruit individuals who may find an interest in being a part of Project HOPE and going to school in healthcare.

Text on screen: **Courtney Shiver**, Project HOPE Recruiter

Wanda: The feedback we've received has been very positive. Any employer, when you talk about soft skills, they want those basic skills, and a lot of our participants are able to deliver.

Text on screen: **Wanda Bailey**, Project HOPE Job Developer

Tavy Smalls: The fact that the students there, in house. The students know exactly what we need here. We are able to focus our efforts on hiring some of the students that are prepared to do some of the jobs that we need here. With a facility of this size, you continue to need people because there's turnover. With every position, you have people that relocate to different areas, so there's always a need for healthcare practitioners, and with that being said, Project HOPE continues to produce good,

solid applicants, for our applicant pool, so we continue to invite them in for different positions.

Text on screen: **Tavy Smalls**, Healthcare Recruiter, Hospital Employer Partner

Wanda: With HPOG, and Project HOPE, and a collaborative effort with a lot of our local partnerships, we have made a substantial difference.

Patricia: No matter what your struggles are, there is HOPE out there, and there are people that will help you. And even when you feel like there is nothing else out there for you, look for HOPE!

Text on screen: Over 33,000 HPOG participants have enrolled in a healthcare occupational training program.

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